

Claim Amendments

1 – 27. Previously canceled.

28. (currently amended) A method comprising the steps of:

storing, in a mobile communication device, location information for one or more designated geographical areas;

determining, by the mobile communication device, when the mobile communication device is within one of the one or more designated geographical areas;

preventing activation of an audible incoming call indicator in the mobile communication device while the mobile communication device is within one of the one or more designated geographical areas including:

receiving at the mobile communication device a first signal from a supporting exchange representing that the one of the one or more designated geographical areas comprises one or more high traffic areas; and

generating a preventing activation control signal by the mobile communication device to prevent activation of the audible incoming call indicator at the mobile communication device in response to receipt of the first signal.

29. (previously presented) The method of claim 28 further comprising the step of transmitting to the mobile communication device location information for the one or more first high traffic areas wherein use of audible incoming call indicators is restricted.

30. (currently amended) A method comprising the steps of:

storing, in a mobile communication device, location information for one or more designated geographical areas;

determining, by the mobile communication device, when the mobile communication device is within one of the one or more designated geographical areas; and

preventing one or more outgoing calls from the mobile communication device while the mobile communication device is within one of the one or more designated geographical areas including:

receiving a first signal at the mobile communication device from a supporting exchange representing that the one of the one or more designated geographical areas comprises one or more high traffic areas; and

generating at the mobile communication device a control signal to preventing the mobile communication device from making one or more outgoing calls from the mobile communication device in response to receipt of the first signal.

31. (previously presented) The method of claim 30 further comprising the step of transmitting to the mobile communication device location information for the one or more second high traffic areas wherein outgoing calls are restricted.

32. (previously presented) The method of claim 28 wherein the step of receiving at the mobile communication device a first signal comprises receiving the first signal via a wireless transmission from the supporting exchange.

33. (previously presented) The method of claim 30 wherein the step of receiving at the mobile communication device a first signal comprises receiving the first signal via a wireless transmission from the supporting exchange.

34. (new) The method of claim 28 further comprising the step of displaying indicia by the mobile communication device indicating that the latter is in a restricted use area upon receipt of the first signal from a supporting exchange representing that the mobile communication device is in the one of the one or more high traffic areas.

35. (new) The method of claim 30 further comprising the step of displaying indicia by the mobile communication device indicating that the latter is in a restricted use area upon receipt of the first signal from a supporting exchange representing that the mobile communication device is in the one of the one or more high traffic areas.